

# Letters to the Editor

## He Says There's a Missile Gap

**CANDIDATE KENNEDY** was quite sure there was a missile gap. President Kennedy is quite sure he isn't sure at all, and seems to be equally sure Mr. Dulles, CIA Director, isn't sure either. Well, there is a substantial missile gap amounting to two and one-half years, possibly three years.

There is no conceivable reason why the United States should lag three years behind the Soviet Union in fields such as missile thrust, missile guidance, and the exploration of outer space. If President Kennedy would ask Congress to appropriate more funds for defense and space exploration and less for his "wild" socialistic mass spending schemes such as Federal aid to education and medical care to the aged thru socialized medicine, he would, in my opinion, have adequate funds at his disposal available for an accelerated defense program.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." To

this could be added, "and a thermo-nuclear war." This is the present condition I believe the United States to be in. I doubt things will improve until the American people wake up and find out they cannot get something for nothing. As long as people expect the Federal Government to support them and their families the Government is going to operate in the red and the United States will lag in defense. **DALE V. BOYER.**